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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced application, please amend the application:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 as follows:

3. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the interfacing handler sends content from the content server to the at least one second device according to authorisation information specified by the user.
4. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the content server provides content in multiple media types and the at least one second is capable of handling one or more media types not handled by the first device.
5. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the interfacing handler is a browser arranged to interpret pages with markup tags provided by the content server.
8. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the first device passes on the joining information using a short-range communication link.
9. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the or each second device is named upon joining the session with a name that is known to both the user and the interfacing handler.

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10. (Amended) A method according to claim 1 wherein the user can communicate with at least one second device via the first device and the interfacing handler.

### REMARKS

The above-referenced application is amended to delete the multiple dependencies of claims 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 and avoid the multiple dependent claim filing fee.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Marked-Up Version Showing Changes".

Respectfully submitted,

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CLAIMS

1. A method of enhancing communication between a user using a first device and a  
5 content server with which the user is interacting through an interfacing handler, wherein:
  - the communication is managed as a session having one or more participants with the  
user, via the first device, being an initial participant to the session;
  - the user, using the first device, passes on session joining information to at least one  
second device;
  - 10 - the at least one second device uses the joining information to join the session; and
  - the interfacing handler sends content and/or content references from the content  
server to the participants in the session.
  
2. A method according to claim 1, wherein the devices register their communication  
15 capabilities with the session and the interfacing handler sends content and/or content  
references from the content server to the devices taking account of their registered  
capabilities.
  
3. A method according to claim 1 [or claim 2] wherein the interfacing handler sends content  
20 from the content server to the at least one second device according to authorisation  
information specified by the user.
  
4. A method according to [any one of the preceding claims,] <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the content server  
provides content in multiple media types and the at least one second is capable of handling  
25 one or more media types not handled by the first device.
  
5. A method according to [any one of the preceding claims,] <sup>claim 1</sup> wherein the interfacing handler  
is a browser arranged to interpret pages with markup tags provided by the content server.
  
- 30 6. A method according to claim 5, wherein the first device is a voice communication  
device and the interfacing handler is a multimodal browser capable of handling voice  
markup pages provided by the content server.

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7. A method according to claim 6, wherein the first device is a cellular phone.

8. A method according to <sup>claim 1</sup> [any one of the preceding claims,] wherein the first device passes  
5 on the joining information using a short-range communication link.

9. A method according to <sup>claim 1</sup> [any one of the preceding claims,] wherein the or each second  
device is named upon joining the session with a name that is known to both the user and  
the interfacing handler.

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10. A method according to <sup>claim 1</sup> [any one of the preceding claims,] wherein the user can  
communicate with at least one second device via the first device and the interfacing  
handler.

15 11. A user communication device comprising:  
- means for setting up a communications session with an interfacing handler through  
which the user device can receive content from a content server;  
- means for assembling session joining data for enabling a further device to join the  
communication session by that device passing the session joining data to the  
20 interfacing handler; and  
- means for sending the session joining information to a said further device  
independently of the interfacing handler.

12. A device according to claim 11, wherein said means for sending the session joining  
25 information is a short-range communication subsystem.

13. A device according to claim 11, wherein said means for assembling session joining  
data comprises means for receiving a session identifier from the interfacing handler.

30 14. A peripheral device comprising:  
- peripheral functionality;  
- a short-range communications subsystem for receiving session joining data over a